

Delta Plan Development - Focused Discussion on Delta Plan Financing

Summary: Focused discussion on the Finance Chapter of the Delta Plan.

Background

Within the Delta Plan, the issue of financing activities will be addressed. The issue is one of great complexity, as the implications of considering measures which further the co-equal goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration in conjunction with maintaining the Delta as an evolving place must be considered. The Finance portion of the Plan will consider those actions which will be taking place in both the short and long term throughout the life of the Plan. Such an undertaking will have to investigate many alternative financing elements and sources, including bond funding, beneficiary/stressor pays principles, and public goods charges, among other methods.

In order to gain a better understanding of the issues at hand, a panel of public finance experts has been gathered to present their thoughts on Chapter 9 of the Delta Plan, *The Finance Plan Framework*. The panel will answer questions from the Council, covering subjects such as what finance mechanisms are appropriate for the types of costs being discussed in the Finance Plan and advantages/disadvantages of the various financing options.

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